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Some support the present income tax system because they don't know any better, with embedded taxes and withholding keeping them ignorant of how they lose in taxes. Others cynically support the present system because they reap exorbitant profits by manipulating the system and taking advantage of the financial difficulties of others. And, of course, corrupt politicians revel in the power and wealth they derive from their lordship over the tax system and its enforcement arm, the IRS.

But there is one more group, above all others, that vehemently opposes the FairTax. They believe they are morally and intellectually superior to the "unwashed masses", and therefore have the right, and responsibility, to guide their social and intellectual inferiors. They see themselves as a modern Aristocracy

While they may espouse a variety of political views, invariably they believe in an overpowering central government, and the use of the income tax code as a "whip" to keep "the little people" under control. Whether their cause is climate change, social justice, animal rights, or religious purity, they believe the plebian public isn't intelligent enough to make "good" decisions, and their behaviors must be defined and controlled by the "intellectual and moral elites".

Recent examples include the imposition of fuel taxes to "encourage" people to switch to more fuel-efficient cars, placing "sin" taxes on liquor, soft drinks, and Ding Dongs, and taxing plastic bags and bottles to "encourage" recycling. Additional taxes are being discussed on things like ammunition used for self-defense, "unhealthy" foods, and a "mileage tax" to discourage driving.

The FairTax is viewed as an existential threat by our Aristocrats.

Under the FairTax, consumers would pay the same tax whether they buy fruit juice or soft drink, choose paper or plastic. For better or worse, tax payers would make their purchasing decisions based on what they consider most important, instead of being "nudged" to make the choices deemed "right" by the intelligentsia.

Even if the FairTax didn't create jobs, empower American business, and help the poor to rise above poverty, Americans should pass it in support of Liberty. History is filled with Aristocrats. Passing the FairTax will strip ours of their power, and return them to the past where they belong.

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